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FOR MAY 26-30

SUMMARY: FINAL CONFERENCE PLENARY MEETINGS CONTINUE ON
SCHEDULE, AND 84 ARTICLES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AS OF NOON,
MAY 30. END SUMMARY.

1. FINAL CONFERENCE PLENARY MEETINGS CONTINUE ON
SCHEDULE WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED IN GENEVA 4127.

2. AS OF NOON MAY 30, PROTOCOL I ARTICLES 1 THROUGH
74 (TOTAL OF 84 ARTICLES) HAVE BEEN ADOPTED. MOST
ARTICLES, INCLUDING ALL PREPARED BY COMMITTEE II, WERE
ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. ARTICLE 42 (COMBATANTS AND
PRISONERS OF WAR) WAS ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE WITH
73 FOR (US), AND ONE AGAINST (ISRAEL), AND 21 ABSTENTIONS.

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FORTY FOUR DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING US) GAVE AN EX-
PLANATION OF VOTE). ARTICLE 46 (PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN
POPULATION) WAS ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE WITH
77 FOR (US), ONE AGAINST (FRANCE) AND 16 ABSTENTIONS.
ARTICLE 47 (GENERAL PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN OBJECTS)
WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 79 FOR (US), NONE AGAINST, AND
7 ABSTENTIONS. ARTICLE 50 (PRECAUTIONS IN ATTACK)

WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 90 FOR (US), NONE AGAINST, AND 4 ABSTENTIONS (INCLUDING FRANCE). ARTICLE 51 (PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF ATTACKS) WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 83 FOR (US), NONE AGAINST, AND 8 ABSTENTIONS (INCLUDING FRANCE). US DELEGATION SUBMITTED STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ARTICLE 42, 47, 47 BIS, 50, AND 51.

3. PHILIPPINE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 74 (REPRESSION OF BREACHES OF THIS PROTOCOL) WHICH WOULD HAVE INCLUDED AS GRAVE BREACHES "THE USE OF WEAPONS PROHIBITED BY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, NAMELY: BULLETS WHICH EXPAND OR FLATTEN EASILY IN THE HUMAN BODY; ASPHYZIATING, POISONOUS OR OTHER GASES, AND ALL ANALOGEOUS LIQUIDS, MATERIALS OR DEVICES; AND OF BACTERIOLOGICAL METHODS OF WARFARE" WAS REJECTED BY A VOTE OF 41 FOR, 25 AGAINST (US), AND 25 ABSTENTIONS. SORENSON

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